

Comments from Seebohm

Question 3

Do you think there is a parking problem at Derwenthorpe?

'There is not a parking problem' - As far as I know.

Question 4

Do you use your allocated parking position?

'Yes' - Always, disabled till someone park in it.

'Yes' - We have a 2 car drive. We live in a 2 bedroomed house !!

'No' - N/A No car.

Question 6

If you have a garage do you use it to park a car?

'No' - We leave it on the drive.

'No' - No car!

'No answer' - Sometimes

Question 7

Have you had any problems parking a second vehicle, or a visitor's vehicle?

'No' - Not until now (after 2 years).

'Yes' - But only when several visitors.

Question 7a

Have you had any problems parking a second vehicle, or a visitor's vehicle? If "yes", how have you overcome this problem?

Parked on an angle, asked neighbour to use their space.

Leaving my vehicle far from home. Using unmarked spaces (not allocated).

Parking on very narrow road, on next doors drive which is currently empty, across our driveway, and if more than 1 visitor will be on verge's opposite.

We have just had to find a space somewhere on the street. Most visitors parking bays are taken up with people's second cars so are not usually free to

use. My mum is disabled & it can be tricky to get a space near the house for her.

Parked on the path.

We always say to our visitors where to park.

My partner up to now needs to park Friday to Monday and so we have to hunt for a visitor parking space as I have no allocated space & my garage is only suitable for a small to medium car.

Visitors had to park down Fifth Avenue due to no visitors spaces.

Keep on looking until I find a space.

By parking in the road, or squeezing an extra vehicle into our space.

Yes, people very often park on the road right in front of our driveway. We're unable to drive away and we are forced to wait when the owner of the vehicle return and drive away. This is a very serious problem to us and we would appreciate if you could help us resolving this problem.

We have put our own car in the garage.

By using more distant visitor parking. Sometimes by parking visitor cars on wider parts of the Mews which are not intended for parking.

Parking in road.

If I know a visitor is coming I try to park my car in a visitor place so my visitor can park on my drive.

How come a tenant on Derwent Way gets away with parking half on the pavement with their mini bus, they do have a garage. Should they not park in the visitor parking. Could JRHT do a better job with their tenants.

Parked further down the road - not ideal as we have to be careful of the bus.

If we have visitors coming we move our car into a 'visitors' space early in the day leaving our space for our visitors. All 'visitors' spaces in our area are used by residents with 2nd & 3rd vehicles. This is not what they are intended for.

Try to encourage visitors to share travel if coming by car. Use bus (6 or 25).
"Park & ride"

Occasionally some neighbours will give up spaces if visitors are staying longer than 2 nights (nice neighbours!). I give up my space for visitors to use, I park on the street (road, not in a visitor space). Some neighbours who have 2 vehicles think they can park in allocated spaces for house and are verbally aggressive when asked to move for a visitor.

The lack of visitor spaces/parking puts us off inviting family & friends round as parking can be a headache! We tend not to invite people round because we know that trying to find somewhere for them to park can be impossible. With residents second cars parking in many visitor spaces but also some residents using visitor spaces as their own parking space instead of using their allocated space in their gardens. We were expecting parents round one Friday evening not long ago and the street was that busy with second cars and residents' first cars that we had to tell them they couldn't come round as there was no free space for them to park so we had to go to theirs instead. The street can be that busy with cars that there are usually 3-4 cars parked along the only bit of double width road near us blocking the bus stop area. This makes it very difficult to see and negotiate getting in and out of our back street. The cars that get parked along here are usually residents' cars rather than visitors. The parking issue does make living here not as enjoyable when you can't invite family and friends round.

Driving around for 20 minutes to find a spot which is not near the house; otherwise letting visitors know in advance about parking by sending a map with visitors' spaces marked.

Lots of houses have second cars & struggle to park near their homes. The extra parking spaces/visitor spaces are 9/10 times taken.

We have negotiated a space with our car-less neighbour.

Sometimes we have had to park on 5th avenue or in the visitors parking area in Stephenson. This is not ideal - especially in the pouring rain.

Second vehicle is usually parked in a 'visitor' space.

When our neighbours out they don't mind visitors parking there but not always possible and sometimes no visitor parking so the problem is still there!!

Park in visitors' spots further away or on 5th avenue.

Our visitor had to park on fifth avenue because the visitors spaces are used by Derwenthorpe residents with more than one car.

Question 8

Do you park a commercial vehicle at Derwenthorpe?

'No' - In our immediate area we have two households that have a commercial vehicle. One commercial vehicle which is very large van and would take up two visitor spaces because it was that large. This now gets parked elsewhere. The other is a small van and this gets parked in a visitor space The problem with this is because it is a commercial vehicle it doesn't move from Friday evening until Monday morning, taking up a valuable visitor space which is desperately needed especially over the weekend when people tend to have visitors round. An area set aside for commercial vehicles would be a good idea.

Question 9

To help identify residents' parking bays, all residents' road side parking bays could be marked with the number of their house. This would incur a cost for installation and maintenance which would have to come out of our estate management charge. Would you like the DRA to see if this can be done?

'Don't mind/don't care' - On basis that a courteous resident should be aware of spaces that are theirs & where they should park. Visitors benefit from clearly identified visitor spots.

'Yes' - If other residents would like/need this thoughtful option. I do not need with a garage.

'No' - Do not like unsightly signage.

'Yes' - emphatically - should have been done from the start by JRHT as part of the purchase cost.

'No answer' - No road-side parking.

'Yes' - But with no cost. The estate charge could already cover this as it is difficult to establish what it is spent on now. No resident should incur any extra costs.

'Yes' - But not with property numbers, visually this would look very messy. They could simple be marked as a residents' space by an alternative paving design or paver inset.

Question 10

To help identify where visitors can park, all visitor parking bays could be marked with something suitable, like the letters "VP". At the moment, it is planned to include the visitor parking bays in the adopted highway and City of York Council will not allow marking of visitor parking bays on an adopted highway. It may be possible to take the visitors' parking bays out of the adopted highway, the same as residents' parking bays, but this would incur a cost for installation and maintenance which would have to come out of our estate management charge. Would you like the DRA to see if this can be done?

'Don't mind/don't care' - I am not sure as I don't think it will address the underlying issue of people using VP for overspill for resident's 2nd cars.

'No answer' - Needs further investigation!

'No answer' - Visitors' parking is currently marked with discs - could be upgraded at minimal cost?

'Don't mind' - Generally extra parking should be equally provided to ALL phases, not just on phase 1. Again no cost should be incurred to residents - estate charge can be utilised.

Question 11

Some residents choose not to use their allocated parking space, but park outside their house on the pavement instead. Do you think this is acceptable?

'No' - More specifically using visitor spots outside their house & not their allocated space making it difficult for visitors to park when needed.

'No' - If the pavements on the estate had curbs it might help!

'No answer' - I declined to answer this question as it is leading.

'No' - 'Big no'

'Don't mind/don't care' - They will be fined if the council take over the roads.

'No answer' - Depends on circumstances (eg Disabled access?). Difficult to make a blanket judgement.

'Don't mind' - Law states there has to be room for a motorised scooter, pushchair & pedestrians to pass by. Parking on pavement is due to some households having 3+ cars when each household advised 1 car each.

'No' - There are a number of residents on phase 3 who are guilty of not using their allocated space but choose to park outside their house in a visitor space instead. This isn't acceptable when everyone knows parking is a big issue on here. The two visitor spaces and car club space outside plots 296-298 are

NEVER free for visitors. Instead residents think it's acceptable for them to use these visitors' spaces as their own as it is ALWAYS the same cars who park in them leaving their own allocated spaces within their gardens free. We understand from conversations with other residents that this occurs because the properties in question have 'faulty' gates, which DWH haven't fixed for 18 months. If residents used their allocated spaces and commercial vehicles were parked elsewhere significant progress on the parking situation could be made as you could free up multiple visitor spaces.

'Yes' - Residents should be able to leave their car near their homes in view.

'No' - However, sometimes there is no other option if they have more than one car.

'No' - This is not a clear Q.

Question 12

Do you think that some action should be taken when vehicles are parked where they should not be?

'No' - not until there is enough parking.

'No answer' - Needs looking into more carefully/discussion with individual "offenders".

'No' - If you have a large family occasion why should visitors be penalised, or homeowners for if they are unloading for parking. If DWH & JRHT had put more consideration into the last 3 phases, rather than the "award winning 1st phase" then equal parking might be available for all residents & visitors. Even though ecology & carbon footprint are very important in the village, the reality is most houses have 2+ cars, and some households are of low income and may struggle with parking charges and the use of the city car is very expensive.

'No' - Not at all - there are not enough spaces for everybody so is unfair if they can't find one.

'No' - How can traffic law be enforced on an un-adopted street. Vehicles are only parked where they shouldn't be as there is not enough space.

Question 12a

If "yes", what action do you prefer?

'Notice on the vehicle' - Fine after 3 'warning slips'.

'Fine' - Although bearing in mind the issues raised in 7a it would be unfair to penalise visitors for the lack of adequate residents parking on the estate.

'No answer' - Ask individuals why they need to park on the pavement on a recurring basis.

Question 13

Parking permit schemes may be a way to manage visitor parking, but they come with a cost. Many aspects would have to be considered, such as: a free pass for every household, or a charge to cover costs; how to manage it; whether to fine or give notice to offenders; what signage is required. Bearing all this in mind, would you be in favour of the DRA investigating a parking permit scheme for visitor parking?

'No' - I'm not sure what the purpose of a permit scheme would be?

'No answer' - Maybe first need to look into differing "categories" of overflow parking: eg extra car, work vehicle, careless visitor parking? Also important to consider position of future flat occupants? (V. limited parking for them?)

'No' - Some households may not have income to afford extra payments.

'No' - We pay enough to live here!

Question 14

Challenging someone who is parking inconsiderately can be difficult. An alternative to this is to place a polite notice on the vehicle, explaining that it is badly parked, and indicating where there may be available parking. Would you like the DRA to produce a notice and make it available to residents?

'Yes' - The worst offenders know where to park so not sure this is appropriate solution. Workmen from site regularly take our spot!

'Don't mind/don't care' - Notes left by neighbours cause problems. Policy would not be uniform.

'Yes' - This could work for one off mistakes and test whether or not there may be repeat areas/places likely to be misused.

'Yes' - Some residents do not respond to "polite" notices and can be aggressive untowardly.

'No' - It would be very difficult to monitor and I'm not sure if it would have much of an impact on offenders.

'Yes' - But it doesn't stop them.

Question 15

It may be possible to create more parking spaces by using some existing roadside spaces that are not designated as parking, or by losing some green space. Both these possibilities would involve an initial cost, and an ongoing cost, which would almost certainly have to come out of the estate management charge and may mean an increase for everyone. Would you like the DRA to see if this can be done?

'No' - Strongly opposed to use of green space. Main motivation of house purchase was green space & being pedestrian focussed.

'Yes' - I think it is obvious that many people on the estate have 2 cars and this seems to cause a lot of the issues with pavement parking & the use of VP spaces.

'Yes' - We are paying enough we need to see - in writing where this money is being spent before any extra charges.

'No answer' - I'd want to know which roadside spaces you have in mind before committing to this! I suspect too that increasing the number of spaces (and pollution) would not resolve things in the long term.

'Yes' - Some unattended flower beds could be changed to allow extra parking. More parking is generally needed all over the development.

'No answer' - Possibly, but we don't see why we should pay for something our household does not need.

Question 16

Do you have any other solutions to suggest?

More central parking areas. When community centre parking opens will this still be open to visitor parking (when we bought house sales woman said that that car park would be open).

People parking in phase 1 carpark. Those that have a second car to pay for the privilege of parking it.

Where possible changing parking layout - Angle parking instead of parallel parking.

Adopting an area in each quarter to be used as a carpark for the residents - like Stephenson Quarter. Where the hedge & verge has been planted on the build site adjoining St. Aelreds Mews to the new Meadlands site this could have been utilised for car parking as it would benefit the existing houses & new builds and as the other road is going to be bollarded isn't an issue for through traffic.

Fine people who repeatedly park inconsiderately.

Make visitors spaces more noticeable, eg a larger sign or painted another colour etc.

To make sure that all residents use their parking bay especially the ones at the rear of their properties.

If the roads were made wider down certain streets - in particular my area then cars would be able to park on the road yet allowing vehicles to pass as at the moment people are parking half on the path half on the road and the grass verges and even the front planted areas are getting ruined by cars squeezing by the parked (badly) vehicles. If you have a garage or a drive these should be used and not the footpaths. Why should the whole estate pay extra charges because of the selfish parkers?

Look at the design of the existing spaces. Even small changes to their layout would enable more parking. Provide separate parking for commercial vehicles.

Make it a gated development so no strangers can come in and make the space around SSC a parking for guests.

Commercial vehicles should be in a special area as they look unsightly in our small roads. We have someone parking a transporter with a car on in our area.

More parking needs to be available as the bigger houses & a few others have 2-3 cars. So green areas need to allow at little parking areas. Forward planning seems not to have taken place.

Warn prospective purchasers of houses that in general only one car per house is given parking space, which is purchased.

If there are limited parking spaces - those who want and need more should be able to bid for them.

It is the responsibility of home owners and tenants to make sure visitors park cars in visitors' parking areas only not in private areas. It is Simple!!

Please provide an online printable map showing the parking for visitors including at stage 1 to send to visitors.

Could there be designated visitor parking next to the SSC like the spaces on phase 1?

Base on no evidence at all (!) I suspect that any commercial vehicles (high polluters) left overnight could be left at a place of work - or, anyway, not in a residential area... I have tandem parking for 2 vehicles (and will give up my car as old age dictates!) so have offered space to a neighbour. However the driveway is too narrow for anything but a small car like mine... but worth pooling ideas to match requirements?

Generally the allocation of more parking is required. Some courtyards have room for extra parking which may be utilised, possibly. Everyone just want a cost free, hassle free answer, without the fear of verbal aggression.

Name and shame persistent offenders who park in visitor spaces whilst leaving their allocated space vacant or fine them. This might be the only way to deter residents from doing this.

If residents have a second car could they buy another space? / rent one?

The current visitor parking signs in the allocated bays are discrete but not easily read. I suggest increasing the size X4 and black on white/light grey. Bar all commercial vehicles over a certain size.

A further car park needs to be built to accommodate those with 2+ cars & visitors. Green spaces are barely cared for, so losing some green space to a car park doesn't seem like an issue.

Create a car park the same as on Lotherington/or other phase which links Osbaldwick. Each phase should have additional parking.

Bikes to rent.

Bollards on edge of footpaths so cars cannot park there. Pedestrians are having to walk on roads!

Question 17

Do you have any other comments?

From a safety perspective as a mum with a child, cars parked inappropriately create a significant safety risk.

Parking not the main issue - adherence to the system in place is.

Last month a fire engine tr4ied to get down the road, couldn't due to people not using allocated parking so real safety issue on this basis.

How many people actually use their garages to park their car?!

Dead against permit parking as it goes against the residential community feel being created. People who care about neighbours shouldn't park in their spaces & this should be policed at a local level. Houses were purchased on a proviso of 1 per household. We bought on conclusion that traffic would remain at this level at estate.

Presumably if and when the council adopts the roads, they will - or at any rate will be able to - introduce whatever parking regime they deem appropriate? The full scale of the parking problem in the northern phases will only become apparent once both phases are occupied - especially given that the flats are not going to have a corresponding number of parking spaces. Can a comprehensive parking strategy be usefully developed prior to the full extent of the problem being known?

Thanks for investigating this! Not an issue for me! I know it is a vitally important issue for many "DRA" residents - according to the minutes & ongoing discussions!!

Visitor parking signs seem to come off the road really easily making it hard for visitors to know where to park.

Parking restrictions are not clear so new visitors easily park on allocated spaces as there is no clear sign.

How would you police Q9, Q10? Some JRHT have driveways that can accommodate up to 4 cars, yet a 4/5 bed house that is owned fully gets 1. How is this the case? There are no VP spaces or inlets on the back road or St Aelreds Mews and the road is very narrow. With a growing community with a lot of children/teens parking issues will only increase in reality.

I think it may be difficult to change the culture of inconsiderate car parking. Speed is another issue that still needs addressing as well.

The issue I gave is that there is a visitors parking bay right outside my house and is used quite a lot. Which is fine - but I have a disabled daughter who is confined to a wheelchair and people who use this bay stop us from getting in and out of the house as they block the ramp access. There is one person who does park here for a week at a time but I have not been able to catch them to ask them to leave me room to get in and out. It would be useful to have a sign saying keep clear or if this space could become my parking space instead of my garage which is also difficult to use as the wheelchair adapted car does not fit in the garage! I also share the drive with a neighbour which is difficult. We have approached JRHT if we can stone/path the small bit of garden in front of our

house to make this easier for us but they said no. Please feel free to call if you want further information.

Thanks to the DRA for investigating this survey - it is very timely.

From my perspective (Phase III) the problem is not visitor parking it is resident parking, and no amount of wishful thinking by JRHT will change the reality that modern society is car dependant for working families. We are strongly opposed to notices or other enforcement - at best they will be ignored and at worst they will create friction. David Wilson assured us there would be adequate parking when we bought the house and the covenant and deeds do no restrict vehicle ownership.

We're glad you are engaging in this consultation but wondered why you used paper so difficult to write on? 😊

Visitor parking in our area has had a home owner parked there for a week? They also have 2 other cars & a van? One of which is parked on the pavement.

I find it hard to understand that 4/5 bedroomed house have only been given small 1 car drives (ie Seebohm Mews opp green area - also where the bus is going). No forward planning seems to have taken place - 2nd car & visitor parking does not seem to be available there???

Make DWH more accountable for the 'miss selling' of parking availability.

It's about time JRHT produced a legible map of the whole estate with numbers of all houses and names of all streets.

In my opinion, if you only have one parking space, you should only have one car! Derwenthorpe is supposed to be an eco-friendly village. If two cars are totally necessary then perhaps two city cars would be an option. Two city cars could fit in one parking space.

As JFK said "Whatever you do at least one fifth of the population will not like it".

Today 1st July I was physically threatened by a drunken yob parking in my space visiting a JRHT tenant!!

The bus cannot park to collect passengers at the stop because of car(s) parking. It therefore parks outside our house and sometimes blocks access.

We think this issue really depends on where your house is located. We don't have a problem, however we can see that our neighbours have cause for concern.

We do park our car at the front during the day, we have a toddler, pram bags etc to carry which isn't possible on your own getting from the bay at the back. We do however always ensure it is in the bay overnight & as much as possible.

Thank you for looking into this.

It was made very clear to us when we purchased our home that there was only one parking space for each property. I believe that it is extremely selfish of residents to park their other cars just anywhere.

I think most views on car parking at Derwenthorpe arouse negative feelings even aggression, which is mainly expressed through non-verbal behaviours. The more open the discussion the more likely people will gain an understanding of the problems posed and find mutually acceptable ways of resolving differences.

When will residents know the outcome of this survey? Will any ideas put forward be put to a residents vote or will ideas be decided without general residents input. A public parking meeting would be helpful. We all want a harmonious resolution. 😊

There are numerous instances of people being wholly stupid and lacking any common sense when parking. In some cases blocking single width access ways! We have witnessed this on many occasions in our back street and have been either blocked in or out! Possible add a handful of visitor spaces in the SSC area phase 3 side when the builders have moved on. As the parking situation is only going to get worse when people start moving into the flats. Once concern we do have with additional signage or colour coding parking would be the risk of cluttering the street scene and character of the area.

The parking is planned so that there is one vehicle allocated per property. This was made clear when we bought the house. Either there needs to be more parking for residents who need it (at an extra cost) or less cars.

Visitor parking will not need to be monitored if the allocated spaces are used & additional cars are given specific parking areas. We have noticed those who have a car space in their garden do not park in their space but in front of their house in visitors' spaces. This I think is the main problem.

Some residents who have more than one car are parking in the visitors' bays which makes it impossible for visitors to park. My neighbour and I share a drive (I have a parking space in my garden, my neighbour has a garage). If either of us are parked on the drive then the other can't use their space, or garage. Mostly this isn't an issue, but my neighbour has a disabled child and I am often on call with work, so there are times when it is necessary to park on the drive -

what would be the cost to pave part of the garden areas outside both our houses to enable access at all times?

A few commercial vehicles (and a few private vehicles) park half-on/half-off the road possibly due to lack of parking space. Much more parking space needed - when my 82yr old parents come to visit he struggles to find a parking space. We don't all ride bicycles to get to work.

Most house require 2 cars - 2 adults working to pay for the house. Derwenthorpe needs more parking spaces!!! An increase in estate charge is not acceptable. Estate charge is currently NOT being used to appropriately care for green//planted areas!

Residents should be allowed to create additional parking on their own land, as long as same materials are being used as across the rest of the development.